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VIOLET



COSMIC
BOY



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GIRL



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BOY



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The LEGION of
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TALES OF THE LEGION of SUPER-HEROES

UNKNOWN TO THE FAMOUS LEGION OF SUPER HEROES OF THE 30TH CENTURY, THERE IS A SECOND AND SECRET LEGION... THE LEGION OF SUBSTITUTE HEROES! REJECTED IN THEIR AMBITION TO BECOME MEMBERS OF THE SUPER-HEROES, THEY FORMED THIS SECOND TEAM TO BE READY WHENEVER THEIR HELP WAS NEEDED! BUT NOW THOSE WHO ARE THEIR IDOLS TURN AGAINST THEM, AND SO BEGINS...

**the WAR
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SUBSTITUTE
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and the
LEGIONNAIRES!**

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SUPER HEROES
CLUBHOUSE



JOHN FORTÉ

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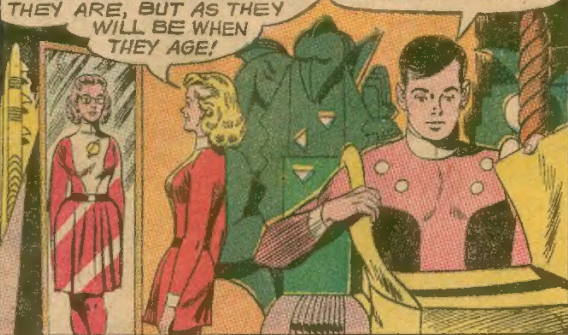
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TO THE GLAMOROUS LEGION OF SUPER-HEROES IN THE 30TH CENTURY OFTEN COME GIFTS, FROM ALL OVER THE UNIVERSE...

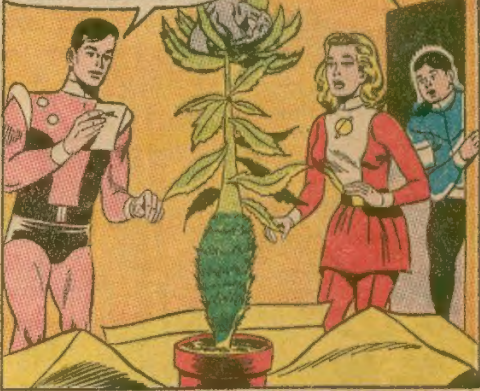
COSMIC BOY, THIS GIFT FROM THAT PLANET XALLA WE HELPED IS REALLY UNIQUE... IT'S A TIME-MIRROR THAT REFLECTS PEOPLE NOT AS THEY ARE, BUT AS THEY WILL BE WHEN THEY AGE!

SWELL, SATURN GIRL... BUT I WISH PEOPLE WEREN'T SO GENEROUS! LET'S SEE WHAT'S IN THIS CARTON...



THIS PLANT FROM THE WORLD HYRNAK IS STRANGE... THE NOTE WITH IT SAYS IT WILL GROW A LIVE ANIMAL WHEN IT BLOOMS!

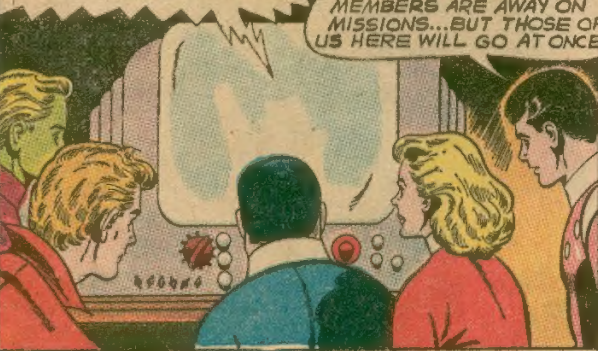
THERE'S A CALL FOR HELP ON OUR MONITORS!



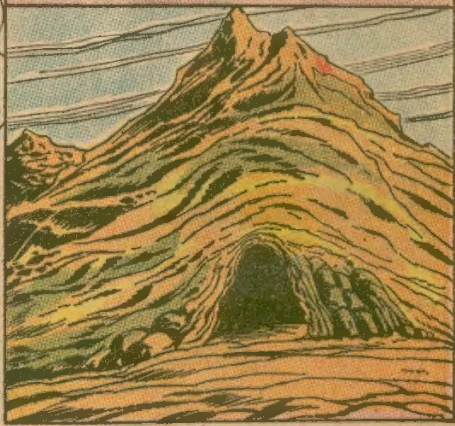
FROM FAR AWAY COMES A WEAK CALL IN A DESPERATE- SOUNDING VOICE...

POWER FAILING... CAN'T TELECAST THAT CALL! SUPERBOY... YOU SUPER-HEROES ARE OUR LAST CHANCE! COME HELP US... SPACE SECTOR Z-4437-3N!

WE'VE GOT TO ANSWER THAT CALL! SUPERBOY AND MON-EL ARE BACK IN THE PAST, AND SEVERAL OF OUR OTHER MEMBERS ARE AWAY ON MISSIONS... BUT THOSE OF US HERE WILL GO AT ONCE!



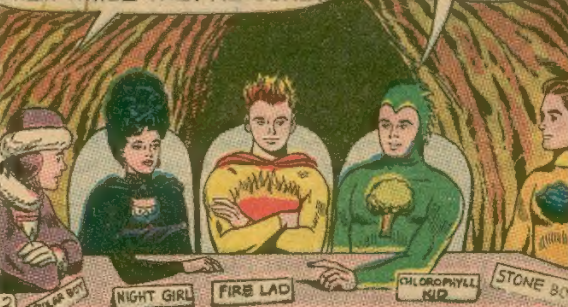
THAT CALL FOR HELP HAS BEEN HEARD BY ANOTHER LEGION! IN THEIR CLUBHOUSE, HIDDEN INSIDE A HOLLOW MOUNTAIN...



...THE SECRET LEGION OF SUBSTITUTE-HEROES, ALL OF WHOM WERE REJECTED AS MEMBERS BY THE SUPER-HEROES, HAVE HEARD...

OUR GREAT IDOLS, THE SUPER-HEROES, ARE GOING INTO DISTANT SPACE... THEY DON'T EVEN KNOW OUR LEGION EXISTS, BUT WE MUST BE READY TO SUBSTITUTE FOR THEM WHILE THEY'RE GONE!

WE'LL BE READY, POLAR BOY! MAYBE SOMEDAY THEY WILL KNOW ABOUT US AND HOW MUCH WE ADMIRE THEM!



AND AS THE SUPER-HEROES ENTER THEIR SHIP TO TAKE OFF ON A FATEFUL MISSION...



HURRY, BRAINIAC'S!

SAY, NIGHT GIRL! I NOTICED THAT YOU'RE ALWAYS WATCHING COSMIC BOY!

YES... I WERE THINK HE'S CUTE!



I CAN'T TELL HIM THAT I'VE BEEN IN LOVE WITH COSMIC BOY FOR A LONG TIME! EVEN COSMIC BOY DOESN'T KNOW IT, BUT I TRIED TO JOIN THE SUPER HEROES JUST TO BE NEAR HIM!



ALL I HAVE OF HIM ARE THESE PICTURES AND A FEW MEMENTOES... A HELMET HE ONCE WORE, THE FLYING-BELT HE GAVE ME WHEN I WAS REJECTED BY THE SUPER-HEROES! AND NOW HE'S AWAY... PERHAPS IN TERRIBLE DANGER...

DAYS PASS, WITHOUT ANY NEED FOR THE EAGER SUBSTITUTE HEROES TO ACT! THEN, ONE NIGHT...

STONE BOY, WAKE UP! YOU USE YOUR SUPER-POWER OF TURNING TO STONE WHEN YOU SLEEP, AND YOU'RE SUPPOSED TO WATCH THE MONITOR, NOT SLEEP. STANDING!

LOOK... LOOK... AT THE SCREEN!



THAT STRANGE, HUGE MACHINE IS GOING TO LAND ON EARTH, NOT FAR FROM HERE. THERE'S NO PILOT WINDOW, SO IT MUST BE REMOTE-CONTROLLED!

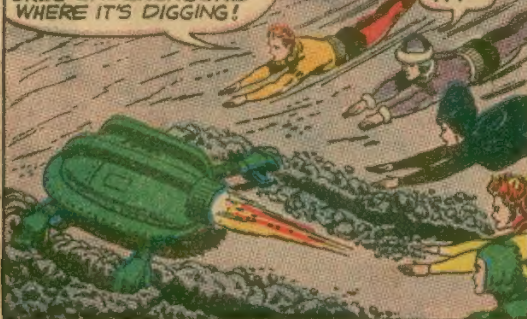


WE'D BETTER GET OUR FLYING-BELTS AND INVESTIGATE AT ONCE!

BY THE TIME THE SUBSTITUTE HEROES REACH THE MACHINE FROM SPACE...

THE THING'S A COLOSSAL "DIGGER MACHINE"! FROM MY KNOWLEDGE OF MINERALS, I'M SURE THERE ARE RARE METAL ORES UNDERGROUND WHERE IT'S DIGGING!

IF STONE BOY'S RIGHT, THE THING'S BEEN SENT TO STEAL THE RARE ORES! WE MUST STOP IT, AND FIND OUT WHO SENT IT!



NIGHT GIRL EXERTS HER MIGHTY SUPER-STRENGTH, WHICH WAS SYNTHETICALLY GIVEN HER BY HER SCIENTIST-FATHER ON THE DARK PLANET, KATHOON!

I'M HOLDING IT FOR YOU TO EXAMINE... BUT HURRY! THE SUN WILL RISE SOON AND I WILL LOSE MY SUPER-STRENGTH IN THE SUNLIGHT, REMEMBER! THAT'S WHY THEY CALL ME NIGHT GIRL!

WE'LL HURRY! THERE MUST BE SOME CLUE TO ITS ORIGIN!



THIS MACHINE IS STRANGE IN DESIGN... I CAN'T SEE ANY WAY YET TO CUT OFF ITS POWER!

THE SUN IS RISING... LOOK OUT, POLAR BOY!

AS THE SUN RISES, NIGHT GIRL'S SUPER-STRENGTH SUDDENLY FADES AWAY!

I COULDN'T HOLD IT ANY LONGER!

IT MUST HAVE AN AUTOMATIC DEFENSE-SYSTEM THAT MAKES IT TRY TO DESTROY ANYONE WHO COMES NEAR IT!

I'M USING MY POWER TO CREATE FIRE... BUT FIRE DOESN'T STOP THIS MACHINE!

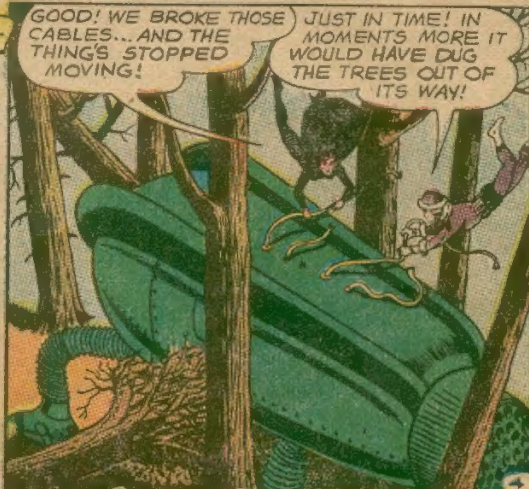
AND MY ABILITY TO CREATE INTENSE COLD CAN'T HARM A MACHINE DESIGNED TO CROSS FRIGID SPACE!

BUT AS THE METAL NEMESIS PURSUES THEM, CHLOROPHYLL KID UNLEASHES HIS STRANGE SUPER-POWER!

SINCE I CAN MAKE ANY VEGETATION GROW SUPER-FAST, I'VE GROWN THE LITTLE BUSHES INTO GIANT TREES AROUND THE MACHINE! BUT I'M AFRAID IT WILL SOON DIG OUT THROUGH THE TREES!

GOOD! WE BROKE THOSE CABLES... AND THE THING'S STOPPED MOVING!

JUST IN TIME! IN MOMENTS MORE IT WOULD HAVE DUG THE TREES OUT OF ITS WAY!



SOON, AS THEY EXAMINE THE DISABLED DIGGER...

THE DESIGN OF THIS MACHINE IS SO STRANGE AND DIFFERENT, IT MUST COME FROM AN UNKNOWN PART OF THE UNIVERSE!

THEN A COMPLETELY ALIEN PEOPLE ARE TRYING TO LOOT EARTH'S RAREST METALS! THIS LOOKS BAD!



I FEEL WE SHOULD SEND A MESSAGE TO THE SUPER-HEROES, OUT THERE IN SPACE, ABOUT THIS... SO THAT WHEN THEY FINISH THEIR MISSION, THEY CAN SEARCH SPACE FOR THE ORIGIN OF THIS PLOT!

YOU'RE RIGHT! WE SUBSTITUTE HEROES CAN DEAL WITH THE DANGER HERE ON EARTH, WHILE THEY SEARCH OUT THERE!



BUT WHEN AN URGENT MESSAGE HAS BEEN BROADCAST... HE'S BEAMING THE MESSAGE TO THE SECTOR OF SPACE WHERE THE SUPER-HEROES WENT TO ANSWER THAT DISTRESS-CALL!

CALLING THE SUPER-HEROES!...AN ALIEN DANGER MENACES EARTH... MAY WE OFFER OUR ASSISTANCE? ...COME IN...



AN HOUR LATER...

I'VE TRIED AND TRIED, BUT THERE'S NO ANSWER FROM THE SUPER-HEROES! COULD SOMETHING HAVE HAPPENED TO THEM?

NO, DON'T EVEN THINK THAT! THEY'RE TOO SUPER TO BE DESTROYED!

I WONDER IF THEY'RE ALL SAFE... ESPECIALLY COSMIC BOY!



AFTER MORE HOURS OF SILENCE AND GROWING FEAR, AT LAST THERE COMES AN ANSWER!

YOUR MESSAGE WAS RECEIVED, AND WE'RE RETURNING TO EARTH! BUT WE'LL DEAL WITH THIS DANGER! WE DON'T KNOW WHO YOU ARE, SO WE FORBID YOU TO ACT UNTIL WE RETURN!



ALL... ALL RIGHT, SUN BOY!

HE SEEMS ANGRY... BUT HE WON'T BE WHEN I'VE EXPLAINED!

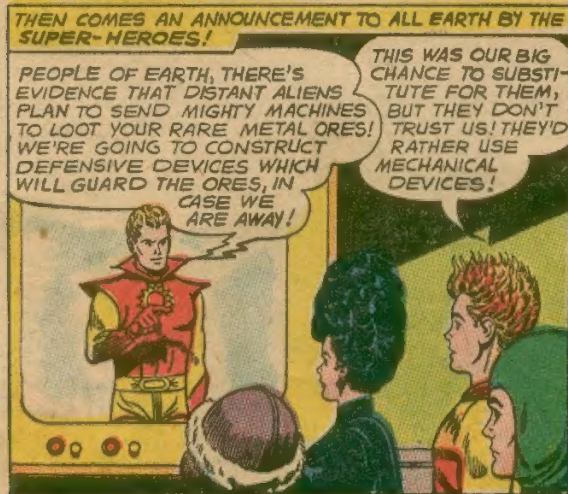
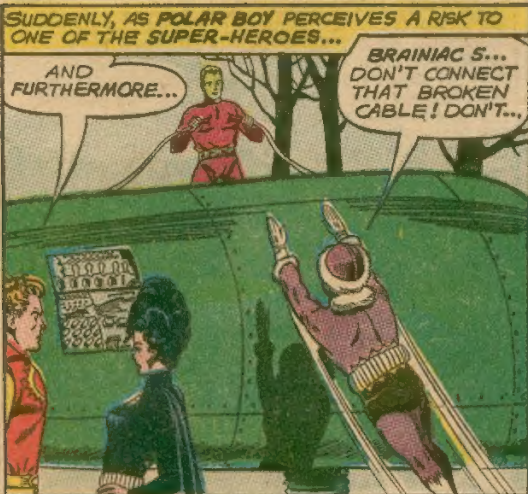


BUT WHEN THE SUPER-LEGIIONNAIRES RETURN, AND LEARN FOR THE FIRST TIME OF THE EXISTENCE OF THE SUBSTITUTE HEROES...

...SO WE SUBSTITUTE HEROES WERE ONLY TRYING TO PINCH-HIT FOR YOU IN YOUR ABSENCE!

YOUR ORGANIZATION IS RIDICULOUS! YOUR POWERS AREN'T SUPER ENOUGH. THEY COULD FAIL SUDDENLY DURING AN EMERGENCY! INCOMPETENTS LIKE YOU MUST NOT MEEDLE IN SUCH DANGEROUS THINGS!

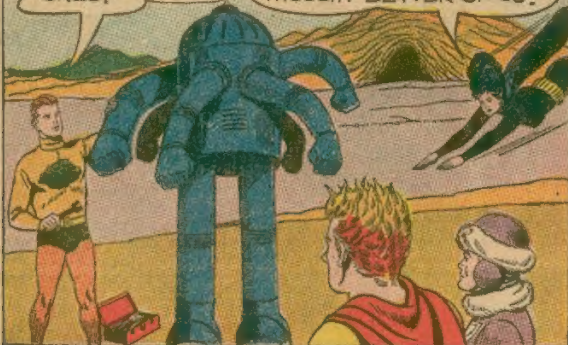




A FEW DAYS OF TERRIFIC WORK, AND THE FIRST DEFENSIVE-ROBOT TAKES SHAPE!

THIS DEFENSIVE ROBOT, WITH ITS MANY ARMS, WILL SURELY HELP GUARD THE PRECIOUS ORES!

A CALL FROM THE SUPER-HEROES... THEY WANT TO SEE US! THEY MUST HAVE LEARNED WE'RE TRYING TO HELP, AND HAVE THOUGHT BETTER OF US!



BUT WHEN THE EAGER SUBSTITUTE

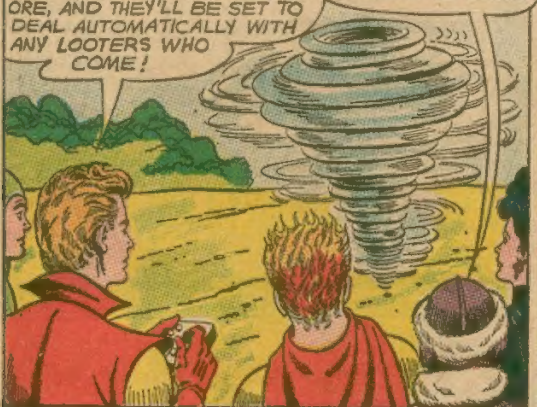
HEROES ANSWER... YES, WE THOUGHT WE'D HELP YOU IN YOUR PLAN TO BUILD DEFENSE-DEVICES!

YOU AMATEURS... YOUR CLUMSY ROBOT-GUARD WOULD BE OF LITTLE USE! WE ARE BUILDING POWERFUL DEFENSE-GUARDS THAT MAKE YOURS LOOK CHILDISH! I'LL SHOW YOU!



THIS FORCE VORTEX I'M CONTROLLING CAN DESTROY ANYTHING! WE'LL PUT OTHERS LIKE IT WHEREVER THERE'S PRECIOUS ORE, AND THEY'LL BE SET TO DEAL AUTOMATICALLY WITH ANY LOOTERS WHO COME!

OUR CREATION IS PRIMITIVE, COMPARED TO THIS! BUT WE WANTED TO HELP...



THE ONLY WAY YOU CAN HELP IS TO DISBAND YOUR MEDDLING LEGION OF SUBSTITUTE HEROES! UNLESS YOU DO SO AND LEAVE YOUR CLUBHOUSE IN 12 HOURS, WE'LL USE FORCE TO MAKE YOU!

AND NOW GET OUT OF HERE AND LET US WORK!



THEY CAN'T REALLY MEAN IT! THEY'D NEVER USE FORCE TO MAKE US DISBAND!

THEY SOUNDED JEALOUS OF US...THOUGH THAT SEEMS IMPOSSIBLE! ANYWAY, THEY HAVE NO RIGHT TO ORDER US TO DISBAND!

BUT WHEN THE ULTIMATUM TIME-LIMIT EXPIRES, THERE COMES A SURPRISE...

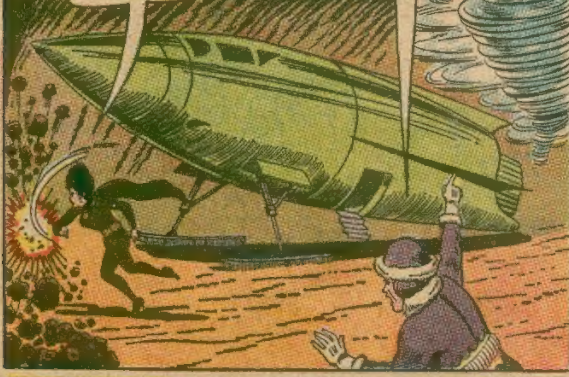
THE SUPER-HEROES MEANT IT! THEY'VE SENT ONE OF THEIR FORCE VORTEXES TO WRECK OUR CLUBHOUSE AND DRIVE US OUT!

IT'LL DESTROY OUR SPACE-SHIP UNLESS WE TAKE OFF AT ONCE... BUT THE FORCE VORTEX BLOCKS THE ONLY WAY OUT!



IN HERE WHERE THERE'S NO SUNLIGHT, I HAVE MY SUPER-STRENGTH... I'LL USE MY SUPER-STRENGTH TO BREAK A NEW TUNNEL OUT THROUGH THE ROCK!

HURRY, NIGHT GIRL... THE FORCE VORTEX WILL SOON REACH OUR SHIP!



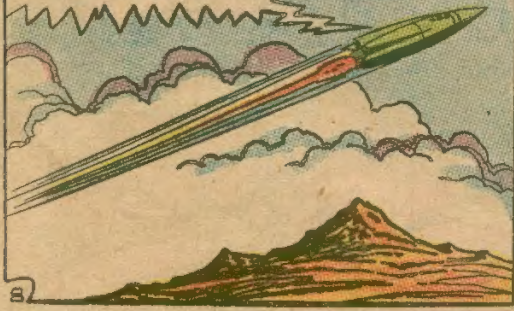
BARELY IN TIME, THE SHIP BLASTS OFF!



BUT AS THE SUBSTITUTE HEROES EMERGE, A DIRE MESSAGE FLASHES TO THEM!

YOU'VE SEEN THAT WE SUPER-HEROES MEAN WHAT WE SAY! DON'T TRY TO CONTINUE YOUR SILLY LEGION OR NEXT TIME WE'LL DESTROY IT!

THAT SOUNDS LIKE A DECLARATION OF WAR AGAINST US... WHAT ARE WE GOING TO DO ABOUT THAT?



PRESENTLY, INSIDE THE SHIP AS SLIDES OF THE SUPER-HEROES ARE PROJECTED ON A SCREEN...

 SUPERBOY	 SHRINKING VIOLET	 COSMIC BOY	 SATURN GIRL	 BOUNCING BOY
 CHAMELEON BOY	 TRIPPLICATE GIRL	 ULTRA BOY	 STAR BOY	 SUN BOY
 BRAINAC	 COLOSSAL BOY	 ELEMENT LAD	 INVISIBLE KID	 LIGHTNING LASS



I, POLAR BOY, ACCUSE THESE SUPER-HEROES OF PLOTTING TO CONQUER THE EARTH! I VOTE WE BATTLE THEM TO A SNOWDOWN!

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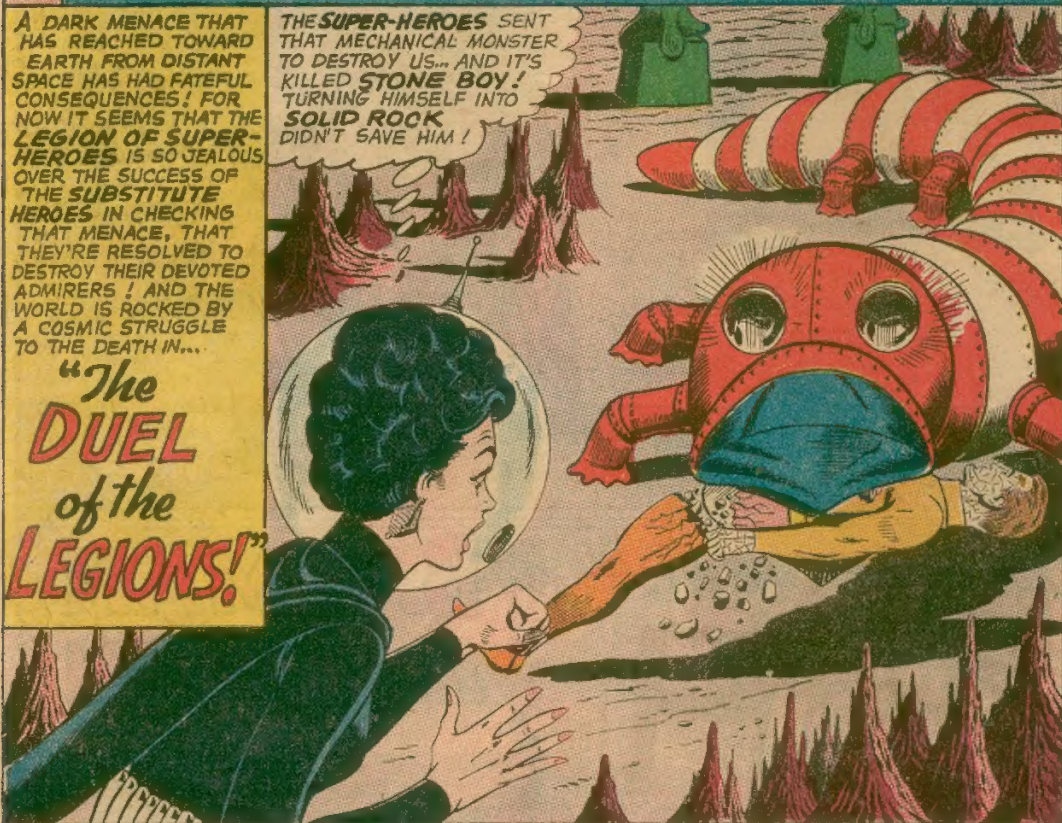


TALES OF THE PART II LEGION of SUPER-HEROES

A DARK MENACE THAT HAS REACHED TOWARD EARTH FROM DISTANT SPACE HAS HAD FATEFUL CONSEQUENCES! FOR NOW IT SEEMS THAT THE **LEGION OF SUPER-HEROES** IS SO JEALOUS OVER THE SUCCESS OF THE **SUBSTITUTE HEROES** IN CHECKING THAT MENACE, THAT THEY'RE RESOLVED TO DESTROY THEIR DEVOTED ADMIRERS! AND THE WORLD IS ROCKED BY A COSMIC STRUGGLE TO THE DEATH IN...

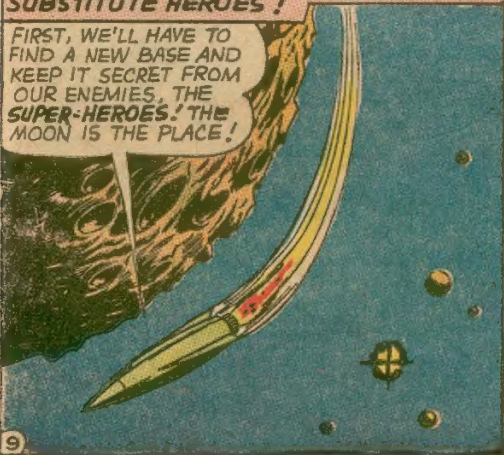
*"The
DUEL
of the
LEGIONS!"*

THE **SUPER-HEROES** SENT THAT MECHANICAL MONSTER TO DESTROY US... AND IT'S KILLED **STONE BOY!** TURNING HIMSELF INTO **SOLID ROCK** DIDN'T SAVE HIM!



AWAY FROM EARTH FLEE THE **LEGION OF SUBSTITUTE HEROES!**

FIRST, WE'LL HAVE TO FIND A NEW BASE AND KEEP IT SECRET FROM OUR ENEMIES, THE **SUPER-HEROES!** THE MOON IS THE PLACE!



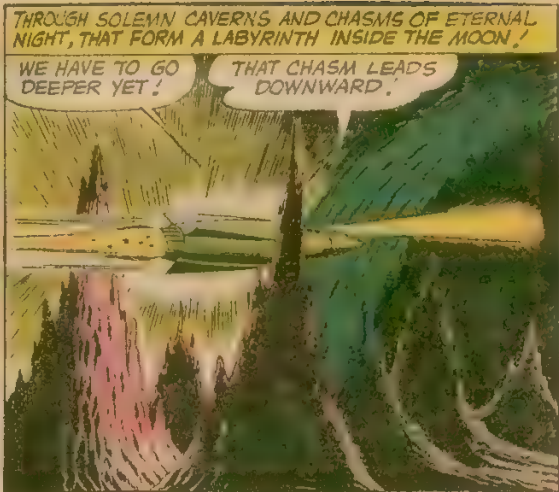
BUT THERE'S NO HIDING PLACE ON THE BARREN MOON!

NOT ON IT, BUT IN IT! IT'S LONG BEEN KNOWN THAT THERE ARE GREAT FISSURES AND CAVERNS THAT HONEY-COMB THE MOON'S INTERIOR!

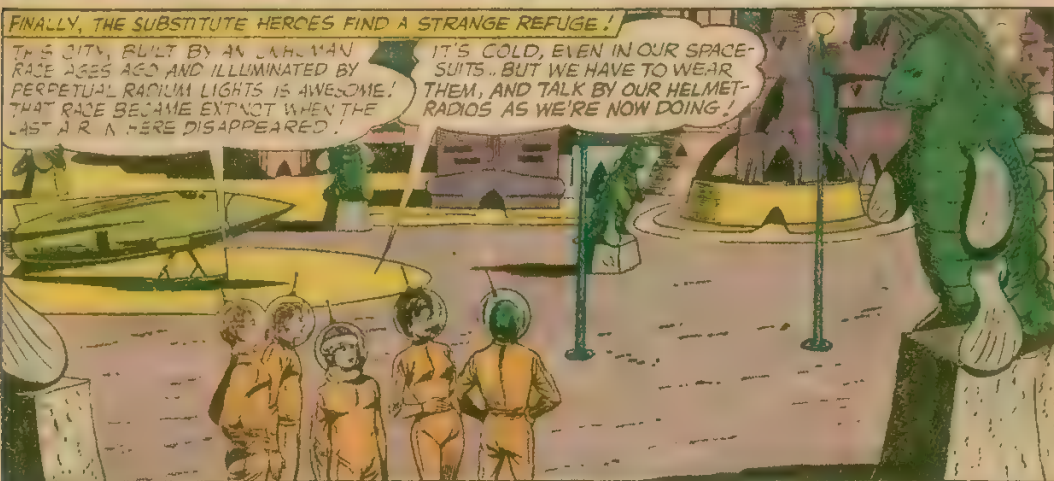




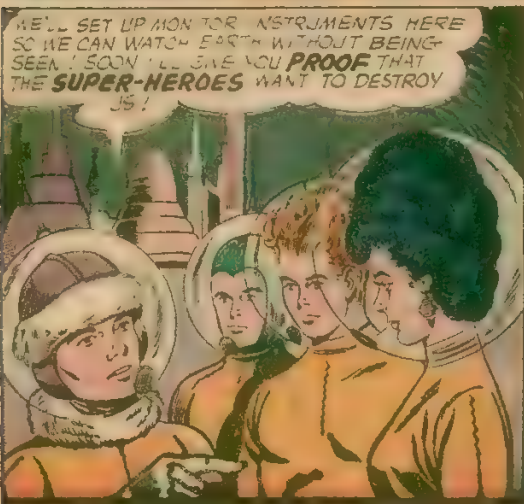
PRESENTLY... HOLD ON, EVERYONE... IT WILL BE RISKY GOING DOWN THROUGH THOSE FISSURES!



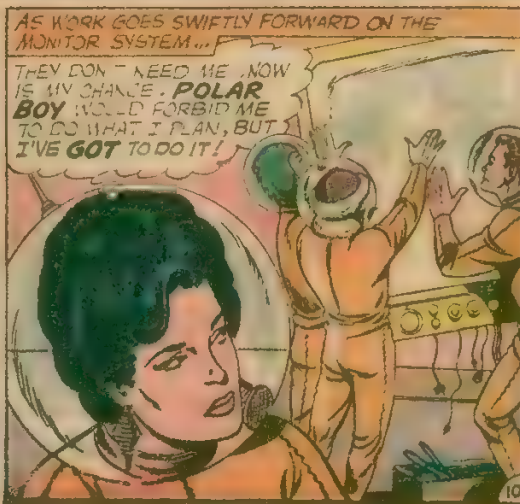
THROUGH SOLEMN CAVERNS AND CHASMS OF ETERNAL NIGHT, THAT FORM A LABYRINTH INSIDE THE MOON!
WE HAVE TO GO DEEPER YET! THAT CHASM LEADS DOWNWARD.



FINALLY, THE SUBSTITUTE HEROES FIND A STRANGE REFUGE!
THIS CITY, BUILT BY AN ALIEN RACE AGES AGO AND ILLUMINATED BY PERPETUAL RADIUM LIGHTS IS AWESOME! THAT RACE BECAME EXTINCT WHEN THE LAST AIRMAN HERE DISAPPEARED!
IT'S COLD, EVEN IN OUR SPACE-SUITS.. BUT WE HAVE TO WEAR THEM, AND TALK BY OUR HELMET-RADIOS AS WE'RE NOW DOING!



WE'LL SET UP MONITOR INSTRUMENTS HERE SO WE CAN WATCH EARTH WITHOUT BEING SEEN! SOON I'LL GIVE YOU **PROOF** THAT THE **SUPER-HEROES** WANT TO DESTROY US!



AS WORK GOES SWIFTLY FORWARD ON THE MONITOR SYSTEM...
THEY DON'T NEED ME NOW IS MY CHANCE - **POLAR BOY** WOULD FORBID ME TO DO WHAT I PLAN, BUT I'VE GOT TO DO IT!

UP THROUGH THE FISSURES, USING HER FLYING-BELT, SWIFTLY FLASHES **NIGHT GIRL**...

I CAN'T BELIEVE THAT THE **SUPER-HEROES** HATE US! IT MUST BE A MISUNDERSTANDING THAT MADE THEM ATTACK US! I **KNOW** THAT **COSMIC BOY** ISN'T LIKE THAT! I'VE GOT TO TALK TO HIM... EXPLAIN...



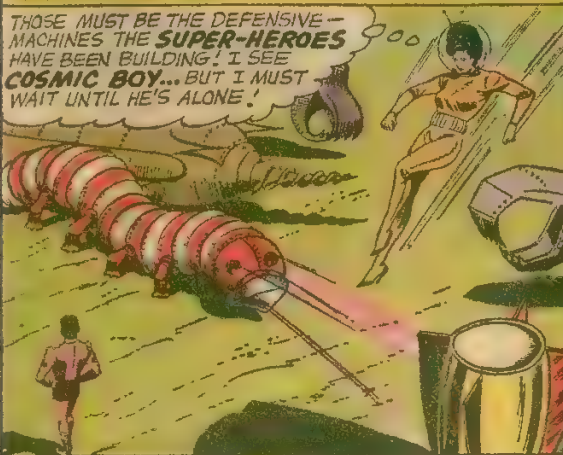
FROM THE LUNAR SURFACE, BY MEANS OF HER MIGHTY STRENGTH, **NIGHT GIRL** LAUNCHES TOWARD EARTH!

THIS PART OF THE MOON IS TURNED AWAY FROM THE SUN AND IS DARK, SO I'M ABLE TO USE MY SUPER-STRENGTH TO LEAP INTO SPACE LIKE A MISSILE!



HURTLING ACROSS SPACE AND INTO EARTH'S ATMOSPHERE...

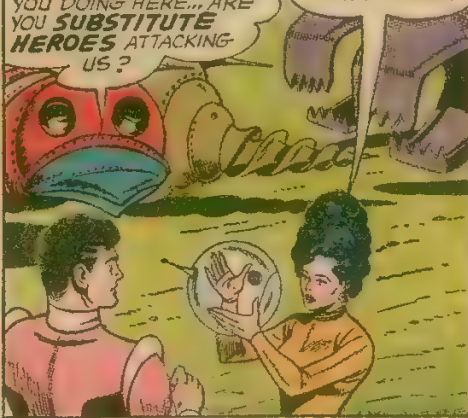
THESE MUST BE THE DEFENSIVE-MACHINES THE **SUPER-HEROES** HAVE BEEN BUILDING! I SEE **COSMIC BOY**... BUT I MUST WAIT UNTIL HE'S ALONE!



MINUTES LATER...

NIGHT GIRL! WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE... ARE YOU **SUBSTITUTE HEROES** ATTACKING US?

HOW COULD YOU THINK SUCH A THING?



WE IDOLIZED YOU **SUPER-HEROES**! I... WE... LOVED YOU! YET YOU DROVE US OFF EARTH, TRIED TO BREAK US UP, WHEN WE ONLY WANTED TO HELP.

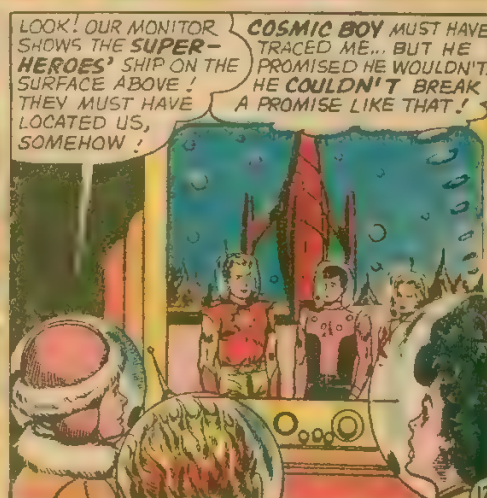
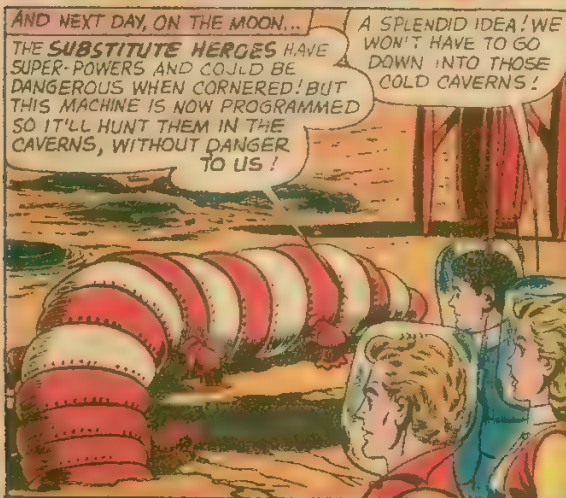
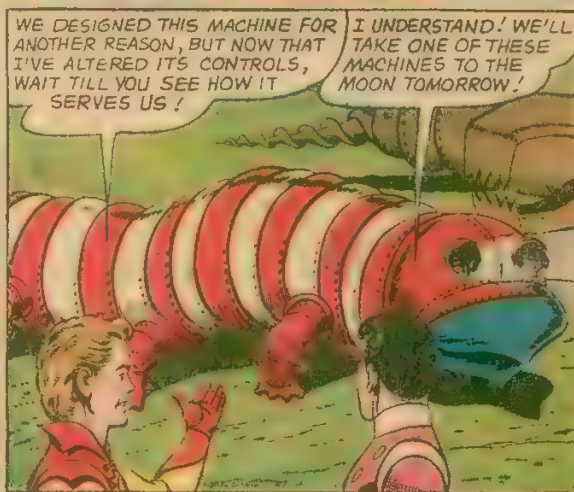
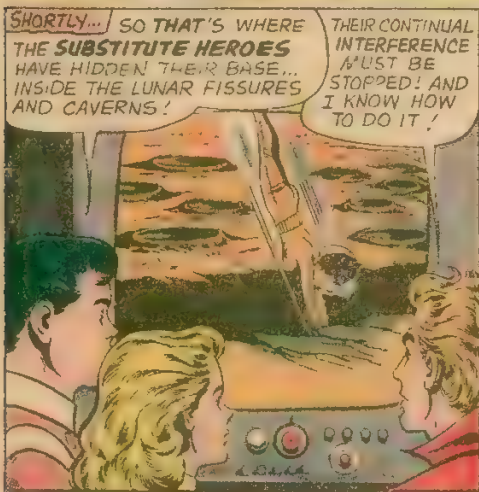
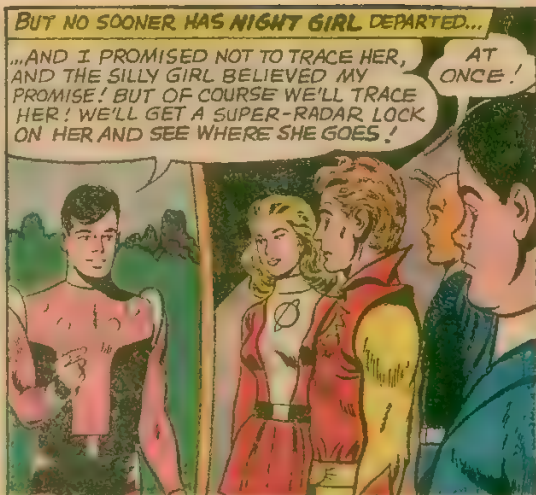
WHERE DID YOU GO...? WHERE IS YOUR BASE NOW?

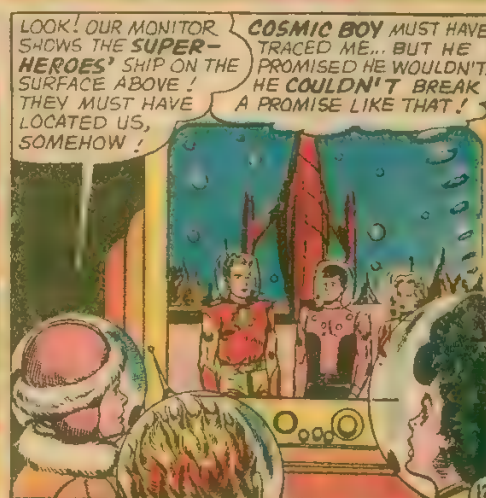
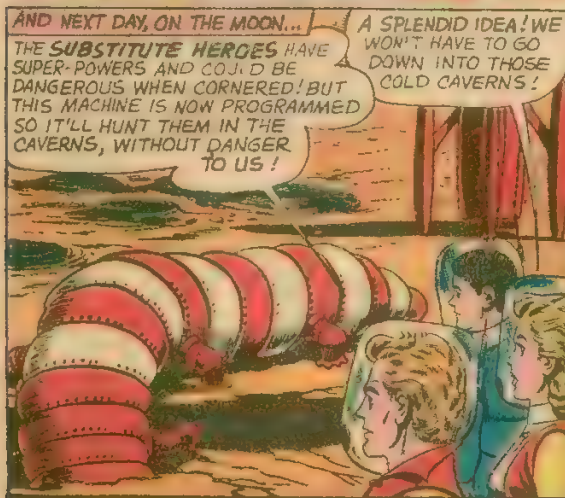
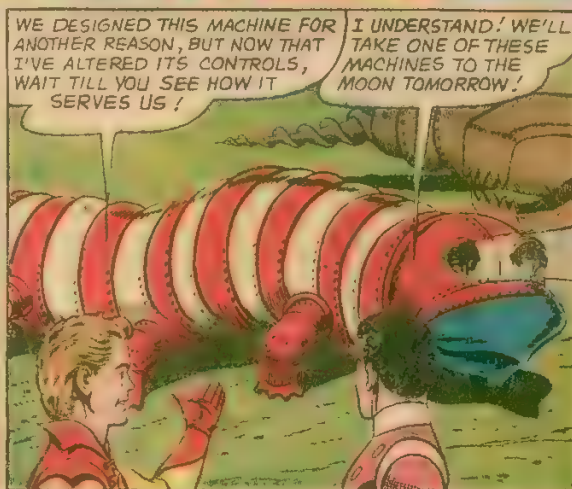
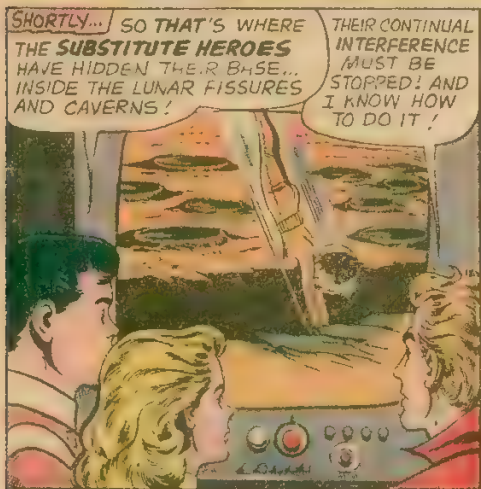
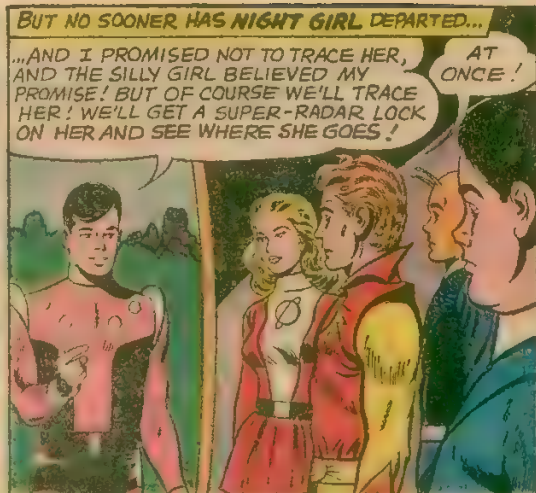


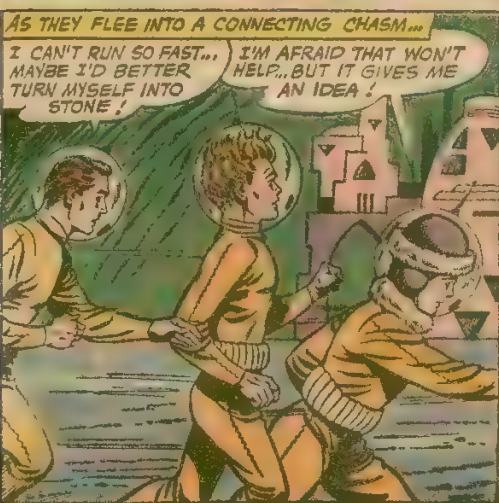
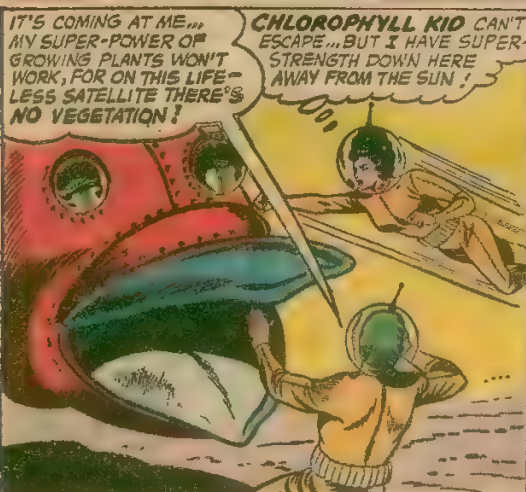
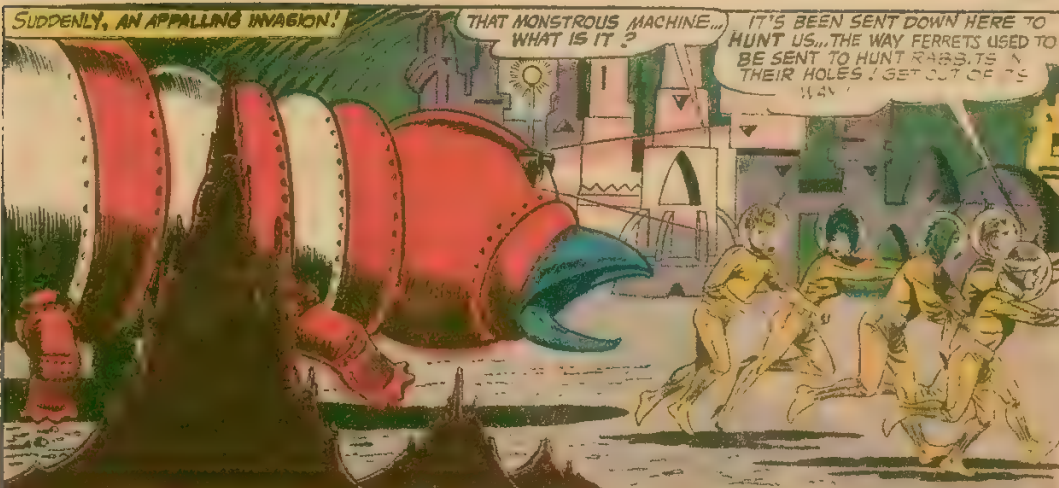
I CAN'T TELL YOU THAT! I'M NOT EVEN SUPPOSED TO BE HERE! BUT I KNOW YOU'RE FINE AND NOBLE, **COSMIC BOY**, AND I WANT YOU TO TALK TO THE OTHER HEROES OUT OF THEIR JEALOUS HATRED OF US!

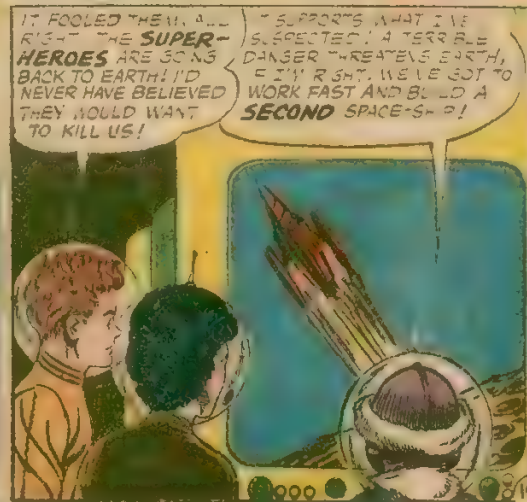
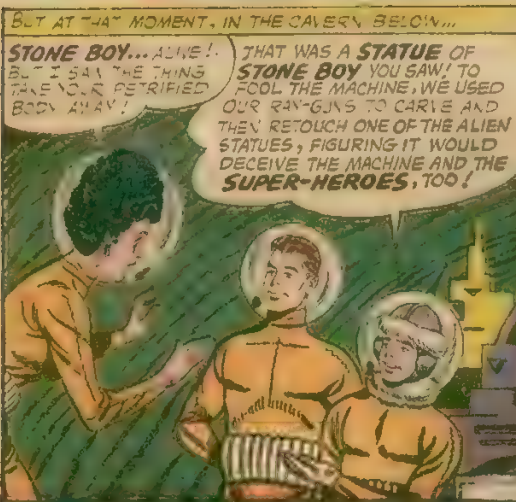
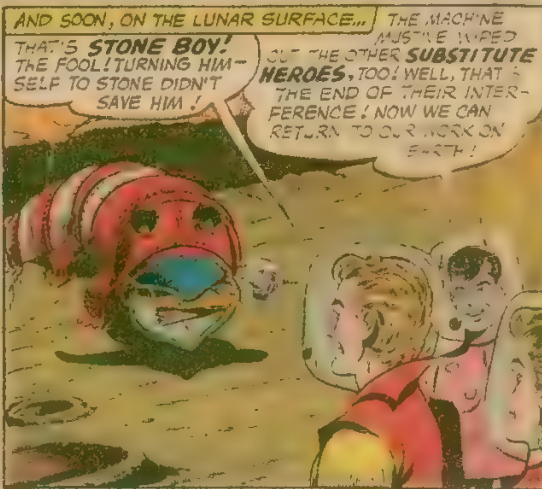
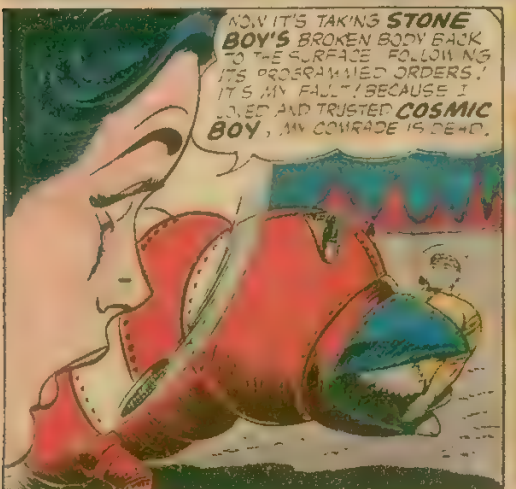
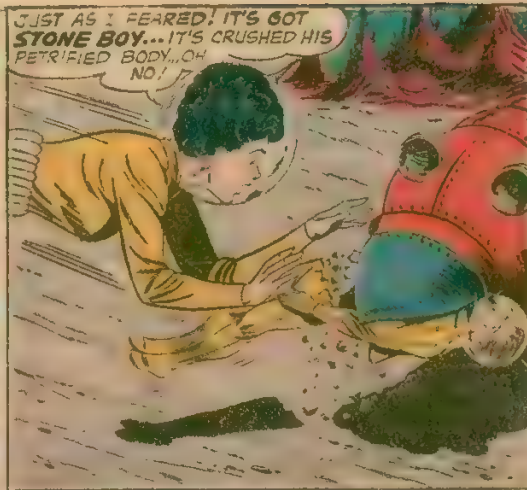
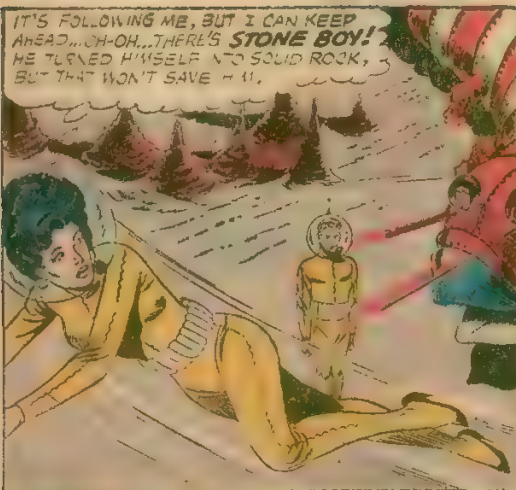
WELL, ER... I'LL TRY!

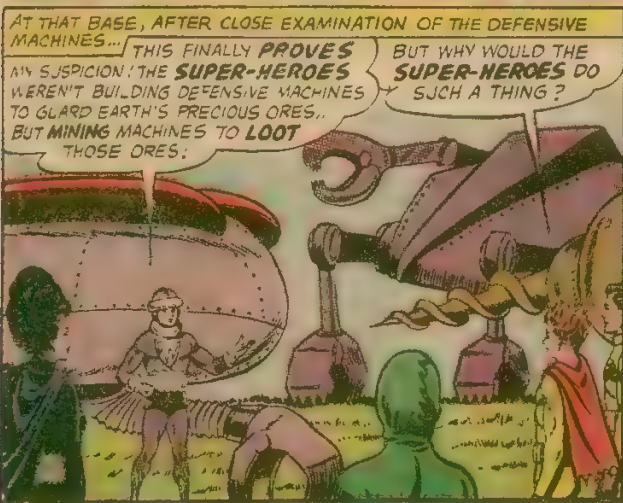
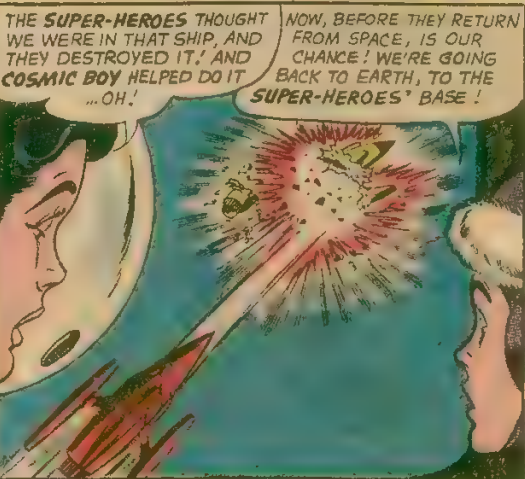
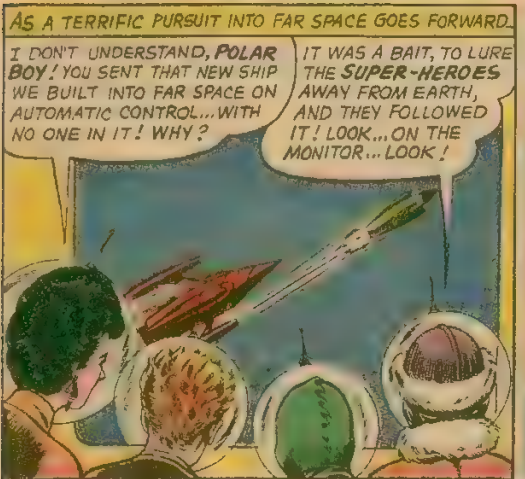
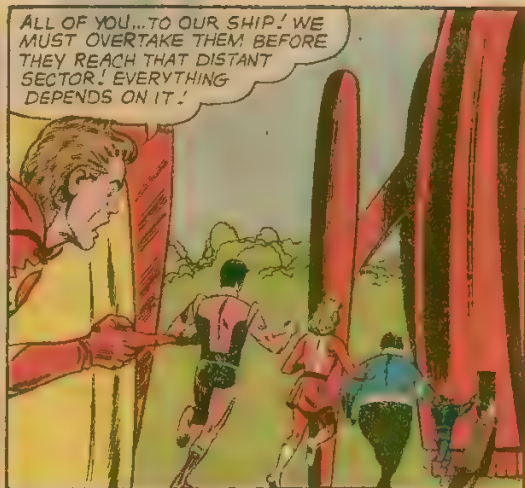
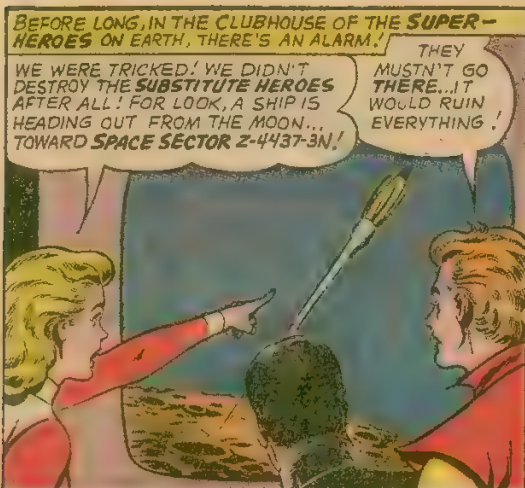


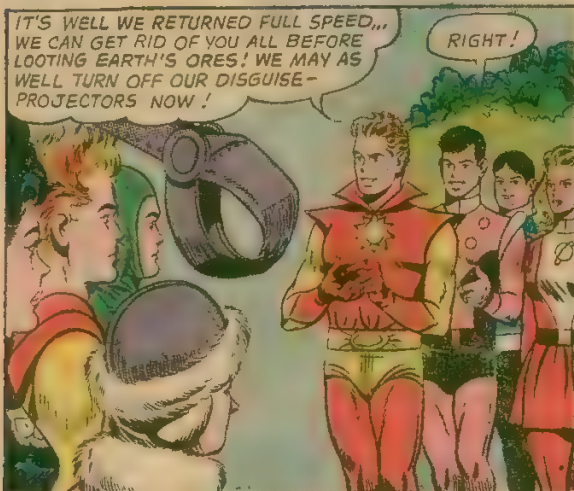






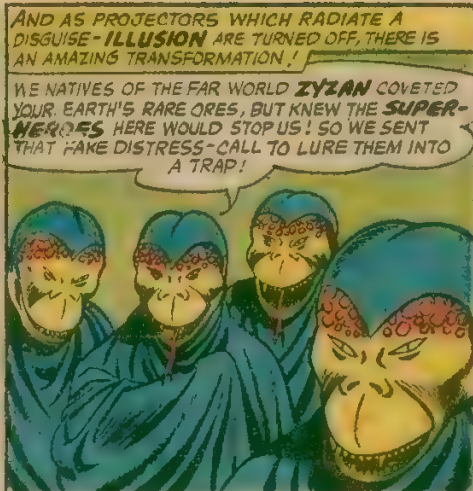






IT'S WELL WE RETURNED FULL SPEED... WE CAN GET RID OF YOU ALL BEFORE LOOTING EARTH'S ORES! WE MAY AS WELL TURN OFF OUR DISGUISE-PROJECTORS NOW!

RIGHT!



AND AS PROJECTORS WHICH RADIATE A DISGUISE-ILLUSION ARE TURNED OFF, THERE IS AN AMAZING TRANSFORMATION!

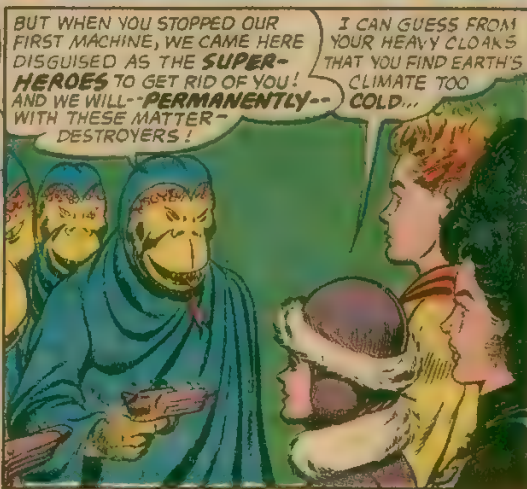
WE NATIVES OF THE FAR WORLD **ZYAN** COVETED YOUR EARTH'S RARE ORES, BUT KNEW THE **SUPER-HEROES** WOULD STOP US! SO WE SENT THAT FAKE DISTRESS-CALL TO LURE THEM INTO A TRAP!



"AND WE SUCCEEDED."

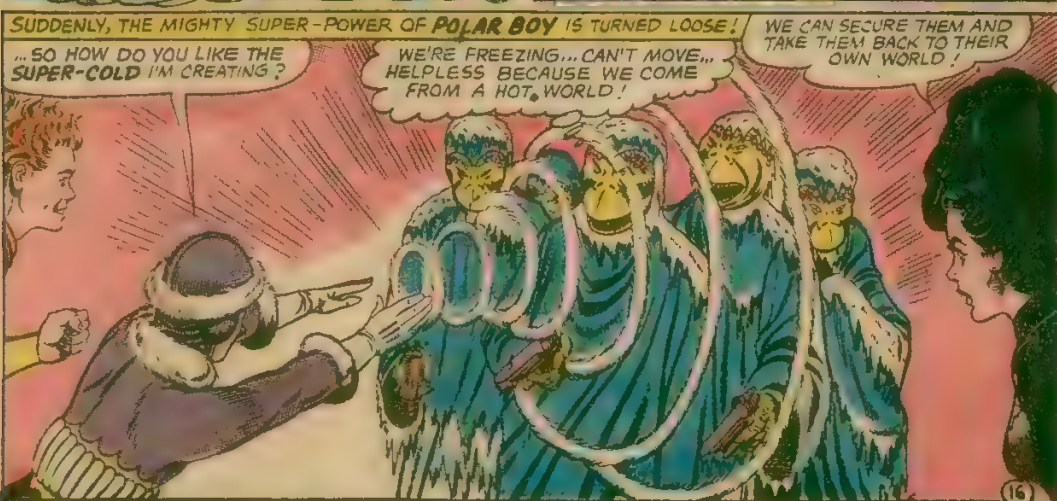
OUR SATELLITE PROJECTS A FORCE THAT WILL HOLD THE **SUPER-HEROES'** SHIP IN A **SPACE-WARP**... AND KEEP THEM UNCONSCIOUS IN SUSPENDED ANIMATION.

NOW WE CAN SEND OUR AUTOMATIC DIGGING MACHINES TO EARTH TO STEAL THE ORES! EARTH'S CLIMATE IS SO UNPLEASANT TO US "HAT IT'S BETTER THAN GOING OURSELVES."



BUT WHEN YOU STOPPED OUR FIRST MACHINE, WE CAME HERE DISGUISED AS THE **SUPER-HEROES** TO GET RID OF YOU! AND WE WILL--**PERMANENTLY**-- WITH THESE MATTER-DESTRUCTORS!

I CAN GUESS FROM YOUR HEAVY CLOAKS THAT YOU FIND EARTH'S CLIMATE TOO COLD...



SUDDENLY, THE MIGHTY **SUPER-POWER** OF **POLAR BOY** IS TURNED LOOSE!

...SO HOW DO YOU LIKE THE **SUPER-COLD** I'M CREATING?

WE'RE FREEZING... CAN'T MOVE... HELPLESS BECAUSE WE CAME FROM A HOT WORLD!

WE CAN SECURE THEM AND TAKE THEM BACK TO THEIR OWN WORLD!

AND WHEN THE **SUBSTITUTE HEROES** HAVE DONE SO...

IT'S LUCKY YOU NOTICED HOW THEY A WAYS AVOIDED **COLD, POLAR BOY!** THEY WON'T TRY SUCH A THEFT AGAIN!

AND NOW TO DESTROY THEIR SPACE-MACHINE WHICH CREATES THE SPACE-WARP PRISON!

THAT WILL END THE SPACE-WARP...THE **SUPER-HEROES** WILL AWAKEN FROM THEIR SUSPENDED ANIMATION NOW!

WE'LL LEAVE BEFORE THEY LEARN IT WAS WE WHO SAVED THEM!

IN MINUTES, THE **REAL SUPER-HEROES** ROLVE FROM A STRANGE TRANCE!

WE RAN INTO THAT SPACE-WARP TRAP. AND I REMEMBER NOTHING MORE! SOME GREAT FORCE MUST HAVE DESTROYED THE WARP!

AS THE DISTRESS-CALL PRODUCED A FALSE ALARM, WE CAN RETURN TO EARTH.

AND LATER, BACK ON EARTH, AFTER RESTORING THEIR CLUBHOUSE, THE **SUBSTITUTE HEROES** WATCH...

THEY'RE DISTURBED BY WHAT HAPPENED DURING THEIR ABSENCE...BUT THEY WON'T TELL THEM. WE'LL KEEP OUR SUBSTITUTE LEGION SECRET FROM THEM, UNTIL SOME FUTURE DAY!

PERHAPS, BY THEN, **COSMIC BOY** WILL KNOW HOW I FEEL ABOUT HIM!

LOOK AT THE TRIANGLE!
Are the sides of the triangle straight, or are they bent?

ANSWER:
PLACE A RULER ALONG EACH SIDE OF THE TRIANGLE. YOU WILL FIND THAT THE SIDES ARE PERFECTLY STRAIGHT.

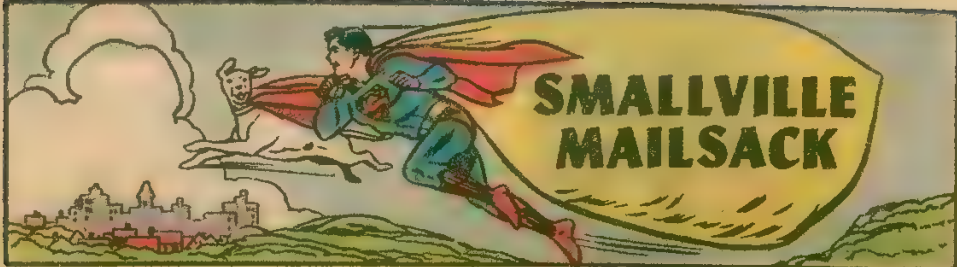
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Dear Editor: I am writing to tell you how much I like your new series, "The Legion of Super-Heroes." Each story surpasses the previous one and demonstrates the fact that the author, Edmond Hamilton, has a bottomless bag of tricks, twists and theatrics. And, while I sadly regret the fact that **LIGHTNING LAD** is dead, I would still be a faithful follower of the Legionnaires even if you "knocked off" 18 of them. (There are exactly 18 living members.)

Tommy Tryon, Elizabeth, N. J.

(Perish the thought that we eliminate another Legionnaire. We're still paying penance for having disposed of **LIGHTNING LAD**.)

Dear Editor: In issue No. 155 of **SUPERMAN**, in a story entitled "The Downfall of Superman", which featured the famous wrestler, Antonino Rocca, you also had Samson and Hercules in the same adventure. At the conclusion of this story you revealed that Hercules was **COSMIC MAN** (Cosmic Boy grown to an adult) and Samson was **LIGHTNING MAN** (Lightning Lad grown up.)! Now, if Lightning Lad is dead, how could there ever have been a **LIGHTNING MAN**? Am I correct in assuming therefore, that Lightning Lad's death will not be permanent?

Todd Walters, Ithaca, N. Y.

(No comment at this moment, but read next letter. —Ed.)

Dear Editor: In **ACTION COMICS** No. 289, in the story, "Superman's Super-Courtship", Supergirl and Superman traveled into the far future and discovered that **SATURN WOMAN** (Saturn Girl, grown up) was married to **LIGHTNING MAN** (Lightning Lad as an adult.) Yet, in **ADVENTURE** No. 304, Lightning Lad died to save Saturn Girl. So the only possible way for Lightning Lad to marry Saturn girl is for him to be brought back from the dead; otherwise, the statement that Lightning Lad married Saturn Girl will be false! What's your explanation for this inconsistency?

Steven J. Gerstein, New Rochelle, N. Y.

(No comment at this moment, but read next letter. —Ed.)

Dear Editor: Who are you kidding? You've got all of America's comic book fans crying their eyes out, grieving at Lightning Lad's death, except that you and I know he never really kicked the bucket. I call the attention of your readers to the story, "The Legion of Super-Villains", in **SUPERMAN** No. 147, which shows **LIGHTNING MAN** in one of the sequences. Since he is our deceased friend, Lightning Lad, grown up, obviously he will be brought back to life. Right?

Caroline Dove, Wildwood, Neb.

(Right! Ever since we published the story which

told how Lightning Lad died, we received hundreds of letters similar to the preceding from sophisticated readers who guessed that Lightning Lad's demise would only be temporary. We did not print any of these letters so that his revival could come as a surprise bombshell. Now, however, we are happy to announce that the next issue of **ADVENTURE** will feature a great two-part story which shows how Lightning Lad will be brought to life. However, there is one great drawback. In order for Lightning Lad to be revived, one of the Legionnaires must sacrifice his or her life in his stead. This is exactly what will happen in the next issue, and we defy you to guess which member volunteers to die in his place!—Ed.)

"BITS OF LEGIONNAIRE BUSINESS"

From Mike Thompson, Dearborn, Mich.: "**COPY BOY**—he doesn't work on a newspaper, but he can copy anything he sees." . . . Billy Muffett, San Jose, Calif.: "**WEIGHT LAD**—he has the power to make anything lighter or heavier." . . . Peter Sipchen, Richardson, Tex.: "**SLOW-MOTION KID**—he has the ability to slow down any moving object or person." . . . Michael E. Colby, L.I., N.Y.: "**SPORT YOUTH**—he is a champion in every type of athletics." . . . J. Adam King, Yellow Springs, Ohio: "**DEGREE DAMSEL**—she has the power to alter the temperature of anything." . . . Leslie Leibow, Fair Lawn, N. J.: "**COLOR KID**—he can change the color of any object."

Daniel Camerford, Buffalo, N. Y.: "**BIZARRO BOY**—he can turn into a Bizarro and fight against the Bizarros for the Legionnaires." . . . Mark Wade, Livermore, Calif.: "**EVOLVO LAD**—he has the power of going back, or forward, the Evolution track. For instance, he can change from a boy to a cave-boy, an ape, lemur, amphibian, fish, invertebrate, amoeba, and then to protoplasm. Or, from boy to a big-brained future boy." . . . Edith Frome, Newark, N. J.: "**EL LASS**—she can give super-powers to anyone whose initials are L.L." . . . Ben Wright, Waltham, Mass.: "**ENDURANCE GIRL**—she can survive without air, water or food for several years."

Karen D. Argis, Detroit, Mich.: "**RADIO ROVER**—he can connect with any radio in the Universe, without wires." . . . Mark Hawley, Burbank, Calif.: "**COMPUTER KID**—he can predict any future event." . . . Jeff Baker, Ft. Worth, Tex.: "**MEDIC MASTER**—he can cure any disease or illness ever shown on the Ben Casey or Dr. Kildare shows." . . . Jeanie Cox, Joplin, Mo.: "**MIRROR MISTRESS**—she can reflect, in her mind's eye, anything another person is thinking."

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WHEN HE WAS A BOY

AN
UNTOLD
TALE OF
SUPERBOY
WHEN HE WAS
A
SUPERBABY!

WHILE MARTHA AND JONATHAN KENT WERE DOING ALL THEY COULD, YEARS AGO, TO KEEP THE WORLD FROM FINDING OUT THAT THEY WERE THE FOSTER-PARENTS OF A SUPER-BABY FROM THE PLANET **KRYPTON**, SOME PRETTY HILARIOUS THINGS HAPPENED!—THIS IS ONE OF THE FUNNIEST, YET EXCITING "UNTOLD TALES" OF ALL! IT'S THE INCREDIBLE, LAUGH-A-MINUTE, COMEDY-OF-ERRORS STORY ENTITLED...

SMALLVILLE'S WAR AGAINST SUPERBABY!

OUR STORY STARTS MANY YEARS AGO IN THE KENT FARMHOUSE, ON THE OUTSKIRTS OF **SMALLVILLE**, SHORTLY AFTER JONATHAN KENT DRIVES INTO TOWN FOR PROVISIONS...

CAKE
SMELL
NICE!

WAIT! YOU SEE HOW
LOVELY IT LOOKS AFTER I DECORATE
IT WITH GREEN FROSTING!

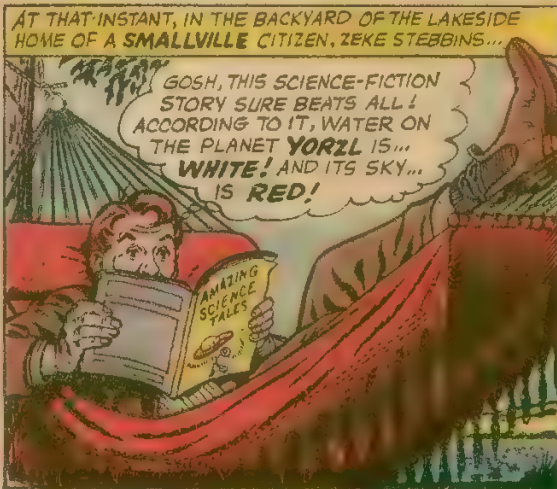
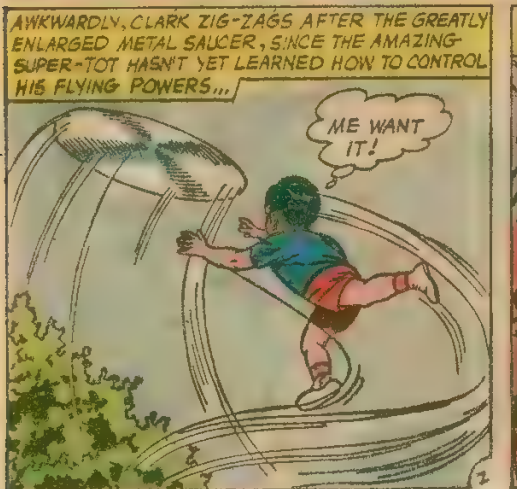
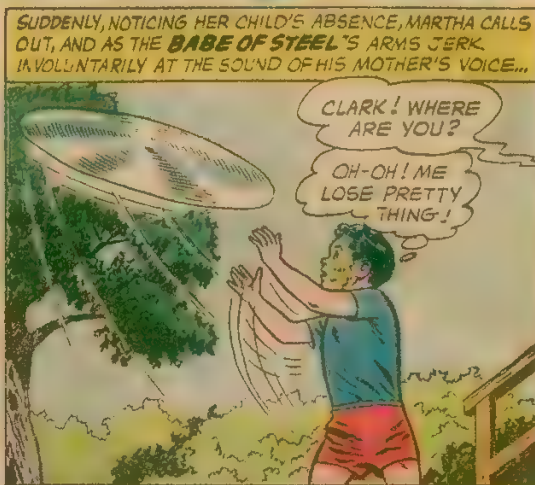
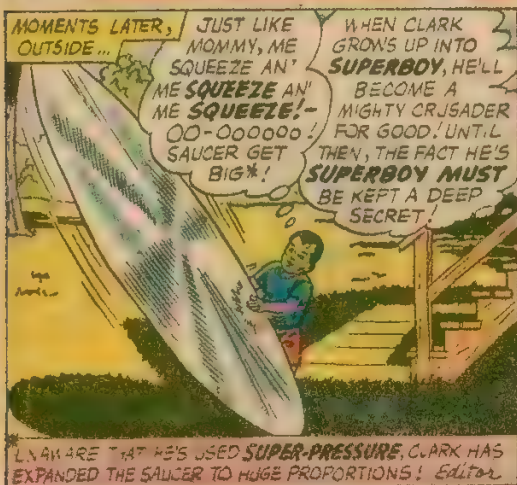
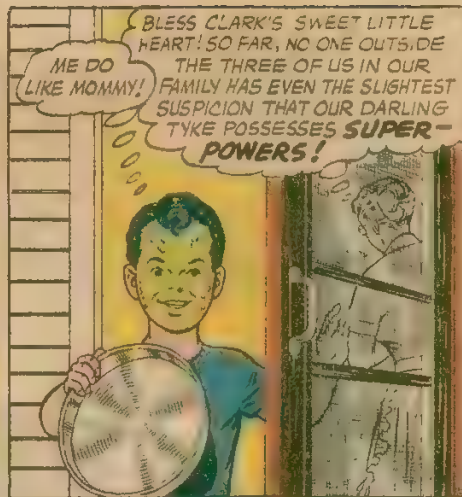
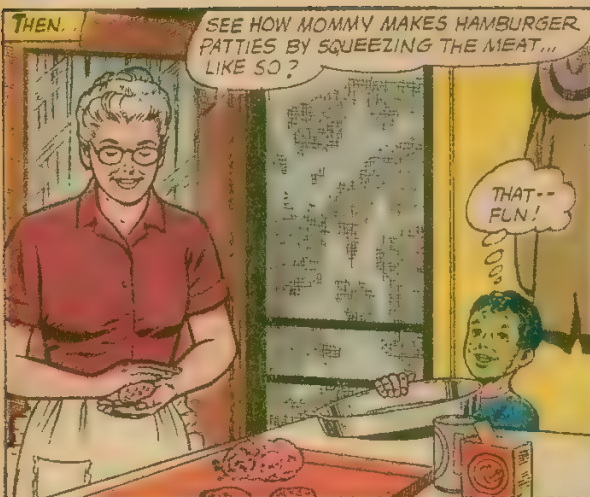
UNOBSERVED BY MARTHA KENT, HER FOSTER-SON FROM THE PLANET **KRYPTON** LIFTS THE FROSTING DEVICE CURIOUSLY, AND...

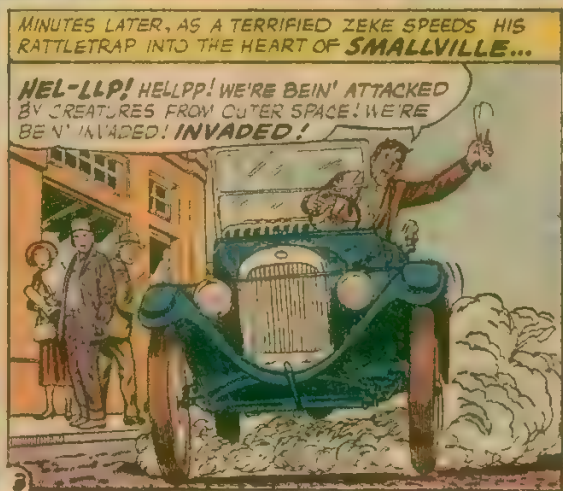
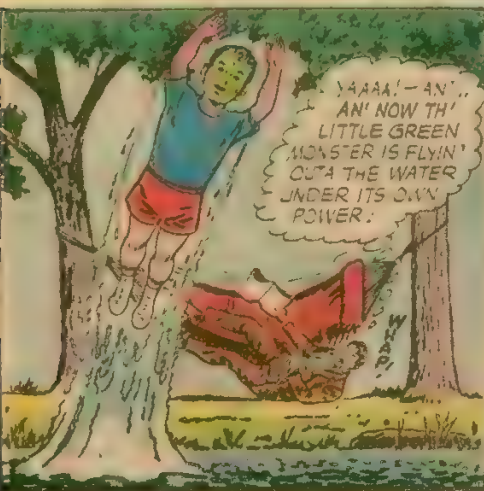
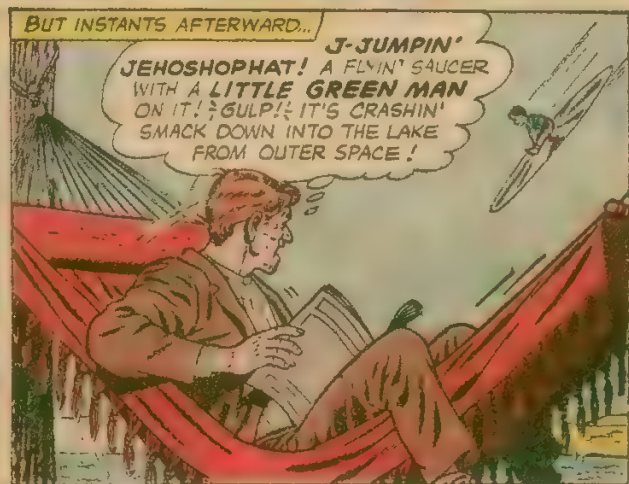
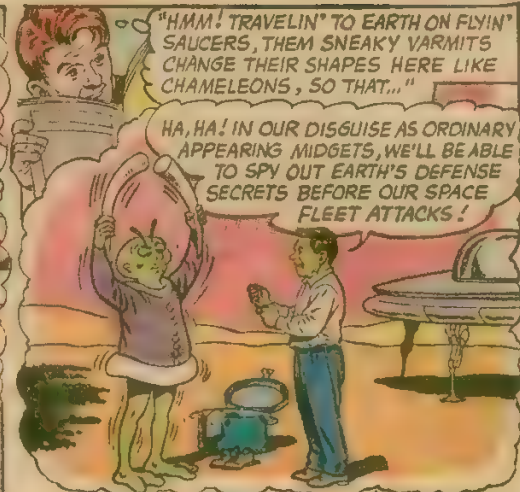
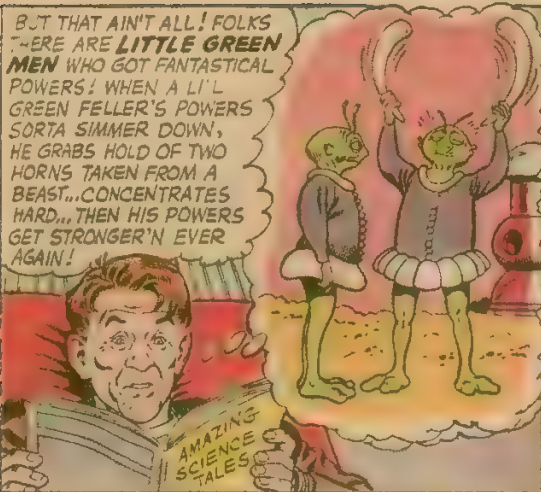
OOOLP!

GAHA!! IT'S A LITTLE
GREEN-FACED CREATURE
FROM SPACE WHO HAS COME
TO CONQUER EARTH!...
JONATHAN, WE GOTTA FORM
A POSSE AND DESTROY HIM
OR WE'RE DOOMED!!

THAT SURE LOOKS
LIKE MY SUPER-BABY
SOON, CLARK, WITH
GREEN CAKE
FROSTING ON HIS
FACE! UNTIL I'M

SURE, I'D
BETTER STRING
ALONG WITH
THE POSSE!





AMONG THE SMILING ONLOOKERS WHO GATHER ABOUT ZEKE IS JONATHAN KENT...

YOU SAW...
A LITTLE
GREEN
MAN??

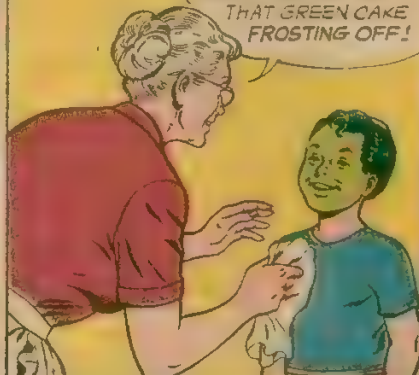
YES! HIS FACE WAS GREEN...LIKE SOME NIGHTMARE!
HIS EYES SHONE LIKE BURNING COALS! I
NEAR DROPPED DEAD JUST AT THE SIGHT OF
HIM!...STOP LAUGHING, YOU FOOLS! I DID SEE
HIM! I DID!!

HAW, HAW! ZEKE'S QUITE
A CHARACTER! HE THINKS
OF THEM TALL TALES
FROM READING SCIENCE
FICTION!



MEANWHILE, AS LITTLE CLARK FLIES HOME...

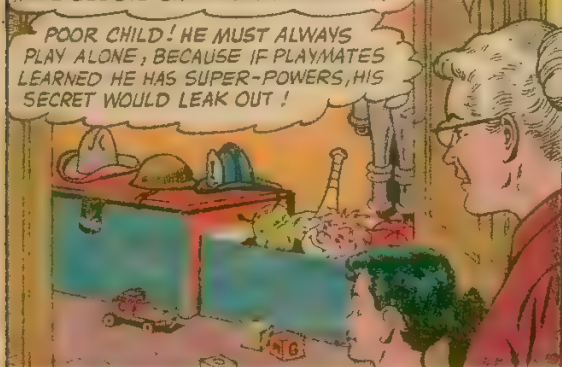
SO HERE YOU ARE!
-OH, MY! WHAT A
MESS! LET ME WIPE
THAT GREEN CAKE
FROSTING OFF!



A FEW MOMENTS AFTER THE FROSTING IS REMOVED...

ENJOY YOURSELF IN YOUR PLAYROOM, CLARK! YOU'VE GOT
TOYS GALORE...FUNNY MASKS...PLAY HATS...EVEN A
MAKE-BELIEVE SPACEMAN COSTUME...!

POOR CHILD! HE MUST ALWAYS
PLAY ALONE, BECAUSE IF PLAYMATES
LEARNED HE HAS SUPER-POWERS, HIS
SECRET WOULD LEAK OUT!

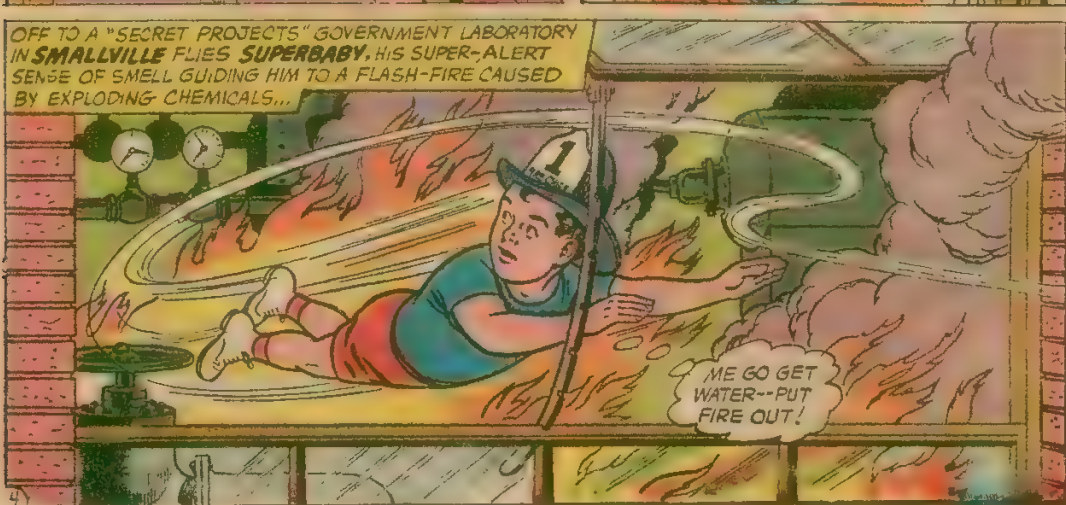


SOON AFTERWARD...

ME FIREMAN!
: SNIFF. SMELL
...SMOKE!

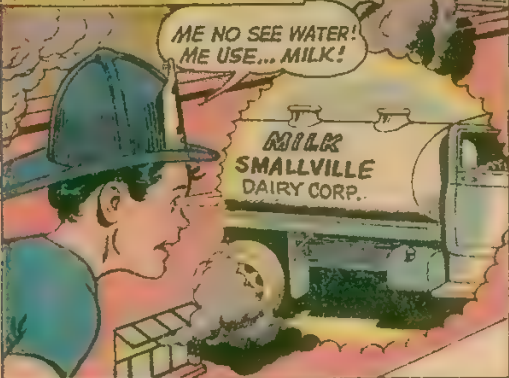


OFF TO A "SECRET PROJECTS" GOVERNMENT LABORATORY
IN **SMALLVILLE** FLIES **SUPERBABY**. HIS SUPER-ALERT
SENSE OF SMELL GUIDING HIM TO A FLASH-FIRE CAUSED
BY EXPLODING CHEMICALS...



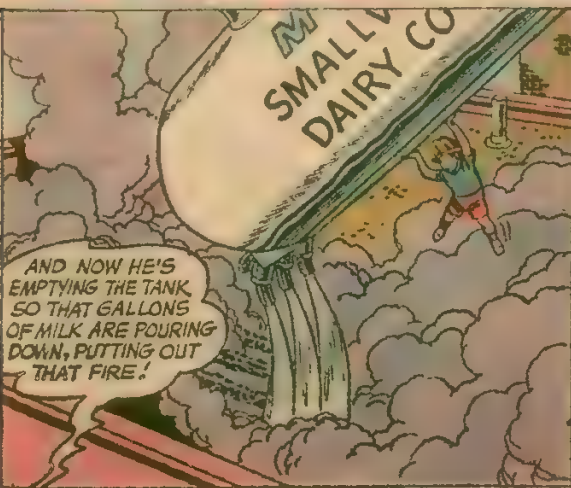
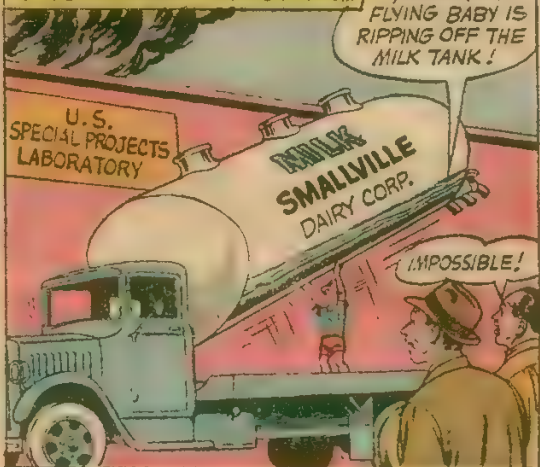
ME GO GET
WATER--PUT
FIRE OUT!

OF COURSE, **SUPERBABY** COULD'VE BLOWN OUT THE FLAMES WITH HIS SUPER-BREATH, BUT BECAUSE OF HIS INEXPERIENCE, HE DIDN'T KNOW--AND SO, AS THE TOT'S X-RAY VISION LUCKILY SIGHTS MILK INSIDE A DELIVERY TRUCK...



TO THE AMAZEMENT OF SPECTATORS...

!GASP!-- A FLYING BABY IS RIPPING OFF THE MILK TANK!

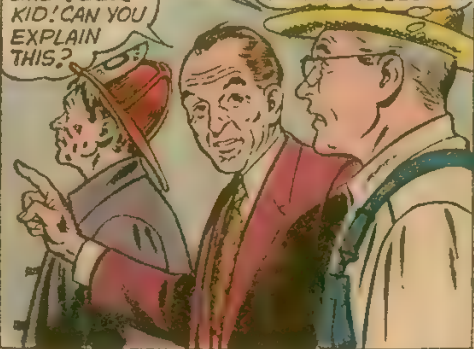


AS **SUPERBABY** BEGINS TO FLY OFF, MORE TOWNSFOLK RUSH ONTO THE SCENE...

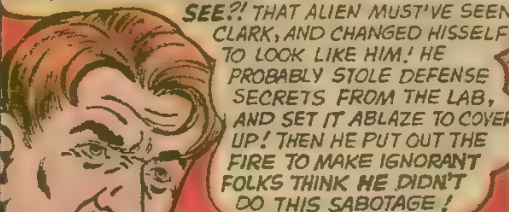
HEY, KENT! THAT LOOKS LIKE **YOUR** KID! CAN YOU EXPLAIN THIS?

!SPUTTER! I...I...

IT IS CLARK! I GUESS I'LL FINALLY HAVE TO ADMIT HIS SECRET!



IF YOU IDIOTS WOULD LISTEN TO ME, I'LL EXPLAIN! IT SAYS IN THIS MAGAZINE THAT **LITTLE GREEN MEN** CAN MAKE THEMSELVES LOOK LIKE **ANYBODY**!



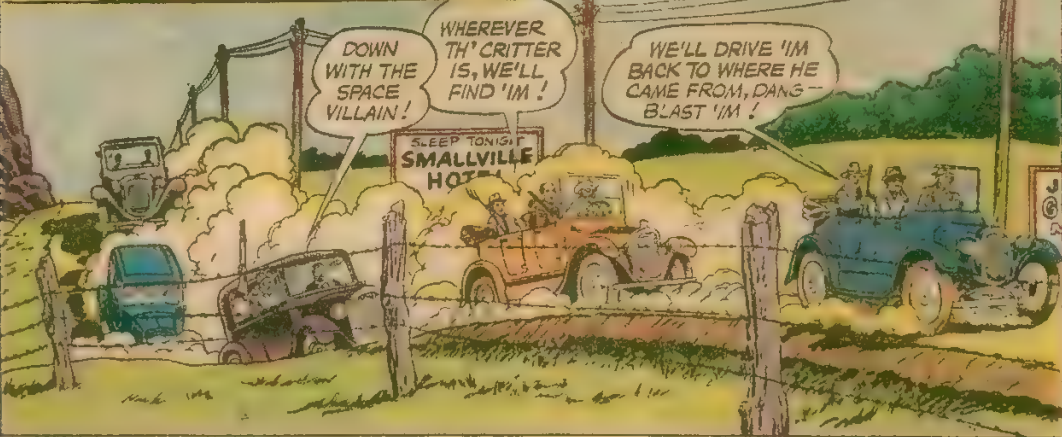
ZEKE'S SO POSITIVE HE SAW A LITTLE GREEN MAN...! MAYBE THAT WAS A CHAMELEON BEING WHO DISGUISED HIMSELF AS CLARK...!

WHY'D THE ALIEN PUT OUT THE FIRE WITH MILK, ZEKE? EXPLAIN THAT!!

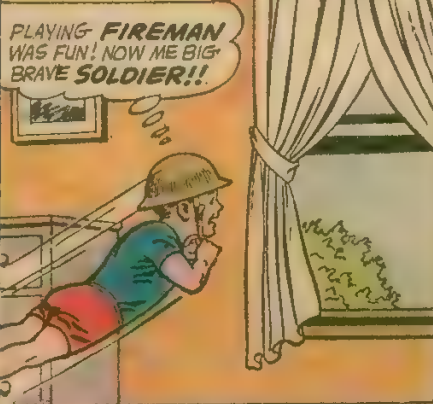
YOU BONEHEAD...! THIS BOOK SAYS THESE MEN COME FROM A WORLD WHERE WATER IS WHITE! SINCE MILK IS **WHITE**, THE MONSTER MISTOOK IT FOR WATER! WE GOT TO ARM OURSELVES AGAINST THIS INVADER!



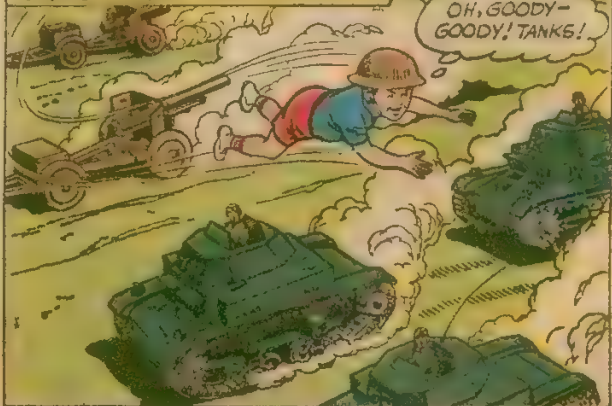
ORGANIZING A MOTORIZED POSSE, THE MEN OF **SMALLVILLE** HASTEN TO BATTLE THE UNKNOWN...



INNOCENTLY UNAWARE OF THE PANIC HE HAS CREATED, BABY CLARK FLIES BACK TO HIS PLAYROOM, WHERE...

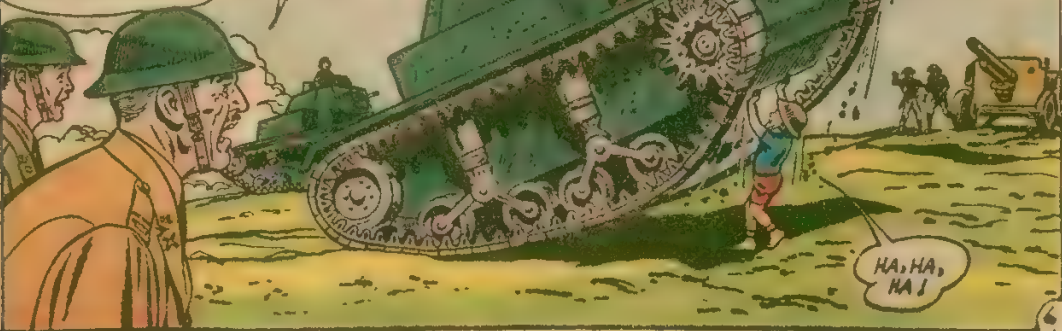


HURTLING OUT INTO THE SKY AGAIN, THE **SOLDIER TOT-OF-STEEL** FLIES CLUMBSLY HERE AND THERE UNTIL, ABOVE FORT **SMALLVILLE'S** TRAINING GROUNDS...

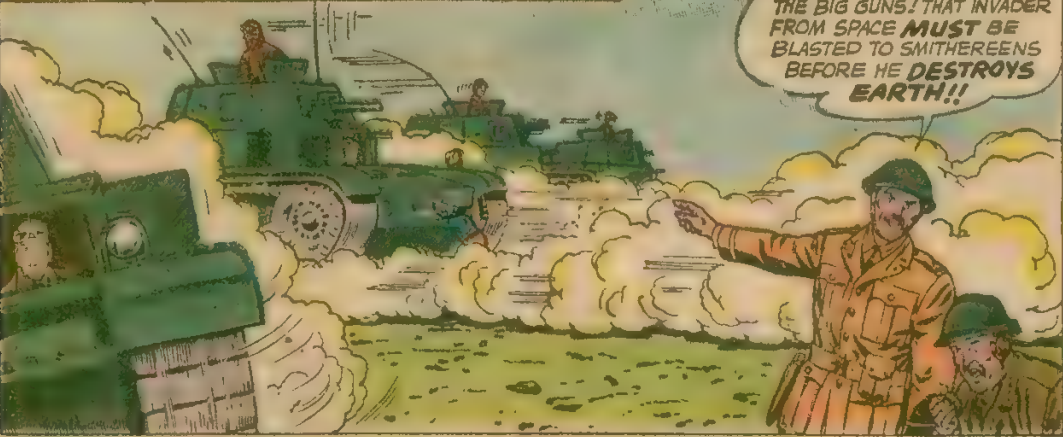


A SPLIT-INSTANT AFTERWARD...

“GASP!” THOSE PHONE CALLS FROM TOWN ABOUT AN ALIEN MASQUERADING AS AN INFANT... ARE **TRUE!** L-LOOK! NO EARTH BABY COULD TOY WITH A TANK LIKE THAT!

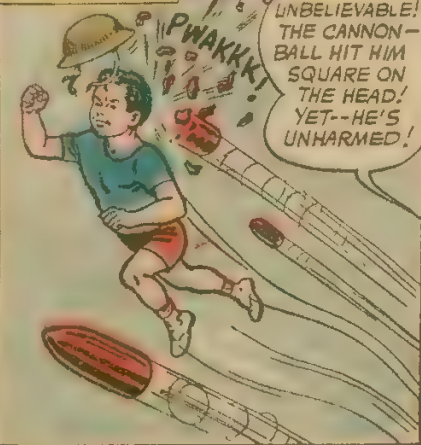


THEN, AS LITTLE CLARK SHOVED THE TANK AHEAD OF HIM PLAYFULLY, THE OTHER TANKS TURN ASIDE DESPERATELY...



MEN, OPEN FIRE WITH THE BIG GUNS! THAT INVADER FROM SPACE **MUST BE** BLASTED TO SMITHEREENS BEFORE HE **DESTROYS EARTH!!**

BUT AS THE SUPER-TOT TIRES OF "PLAYING WAR", AND ZOOMS OFF...

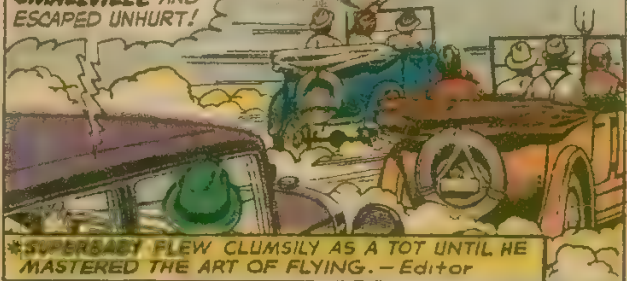


UNBELIEVABLE! THE CANNON-BALL HIT HIM SQUARE ON THE HEAD! YET--HE'S UNHARMED!

MEANWHILE, AS THE POSSE GETS A NEWS FLASH...

BULLETIN! THAT LITTLE GREEN ALIEN FROM SPACE WHO HAS ASSUMED THE FORM OF AN EARTH CHILD, HAS JUST ATTACKED FORT **SMALLVILLE** AND ESCAPED UNHURT!

THERE HE GOES... TOWARD THE KENT FARM! HE'S FLYING UNSTEADILY!



*SUPERBABY FLEW CLUMSILY AS A TOT UNTIL HE MASTERED THE ART OF FLYING. — Editor

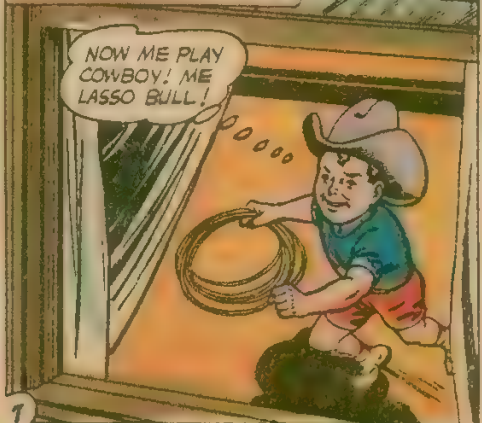
HA, HA! I GET IT! HIS SUPER-POWERS ARE WEARIN' OFF! PROBABLY, HE'S GONNA HIDE OUT AT THE FARM, UNTIL HE GETS SUPER-DUPER AGAIN!

IS THAT MY SON, CLARK, OR IS IT REALLY A CHAMELEON-LIKE ALIEN, LIKE THEY SAY? I WISH I KNEW FOR SURE!



SHORTLY, BACK IN HIS PLAYROOM, AS LITTLE CLARK DONS ANOTHER HAT...

NOW ME PLAY COWBOY! ME LASSO BULL!



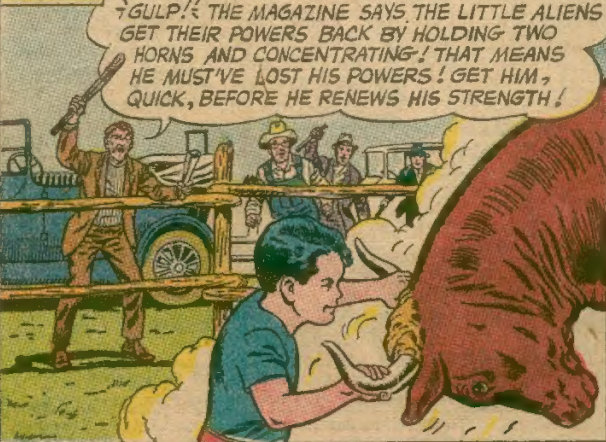
ALIGHTING NEAR A FENCED-IN PASTURE, BESIDE THE FARMHOUSE, THE **SUPER-COWPOKE KID** TWIRLS HIS LARIAT PLAYFULLY...



THEN, AS CLARK TWIRLS THE LASSO SO FAST THAT FRICTION WITH THE AIR BURNS IT, THE BAD-TEMPERED BULL CHARGES TOWARD HIM...



AS THE BULL SEEKS TO BUTT HIM, THE **BABE OF STEEL** GRABS HOLD AND FORCES IT TO A HALT JUST AS THE POSSE ARRIVES...



WITHIN THE FARMHOUSE... CLARK'S PLAY HATS ARE

FLASH! WE'VE JUST LEARNED THAT THE LITTLE GREEN-MAN CHAMELEON CREATURE WHO HAS BEEN PANICKING **SMALLVILLE** HAS DISGUISED HIMSELF AS THE BABY SON OF MR. AND MRS. JONATHAN KENT!



AND AS LOUD, ANGRY SHOUTS FROM OUTSIDE ATTRACT MARTHA KENT'S ATTENTION...



THE SPACE CRITTER DUCKED INSIDE! WHAT'RE WE WAITING FOR? LET'S GO IN AN' GET 'IM BEFORE HIS GREAT POWERS RETURN COMPLETELY!



BUT THEN...

SUFFERIN' CATFISH!
THERE GOES THE
LITTLE GREEN MAN!
HE CHANGED BACK
TO HIS REG'LAR
FORM AND HE'S
FLYIN' UP TOWARD
OUTER SPACE!

WE SCARED
HIM OFF! HIS
FACE MAY BE
GREEN, BUT HE'S
GOT A **YELLOW-**
BELLY, HAW!

THAT EVENING, AFTER THE POSSE HAS DISBANDED...

WAS THAT AN ALIEN,
MARTHA? WHERE'S
CLARK? WHAT'S
GOING ON HERE??

HA, HA! REMEMBER THIS
MAKE-BELIEVE SPACEMAN
KIDDIE COSTUME WE BOUGHT...
AND THE **GREEN** ALIEN
MASK THAT WENT WITH IT?

PRESENTLY, AS CLARK RETURNS...

CHUCKLE!
SO YOU PUT

ME PLAYED ON MOON,
MOMMY, THEN CAME BACK
AT NIGHT, LIKE YOU SAY!

THE MASK ON
CLARK--AND ORDERED
HIM TO FLY INTO SPACE
TO FOOL THE POSSE!

THEN, AFTER **SUPERBABY'S** PARENTS FIGURE OUT
WHAT HAPPENED DURING THE "SCARE"...

IMAGINE THAT FOOL
ZEKE MAKING THE
WHOLE TOWN
BELIEVE OUR SON
WAS A **LITTLE
GREEN MONSTER**
FROM OUTER
SPACE!

IF HE HADN'T,
CLARK'S SECRET WOULD'VE
BEEN DISCOVERED!

CLARK...
NEVER, NEVER DO ANYTHING
SUPER IN PUBLIC! AND I'LL
DESTROY THIS MASK SO THAT
YOU CAN'T BE SEEN WEARING
IT AGAIN!

SNIFF!... YES...
DADDY!

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LEGION OF SUBSTITUTE
HEROES, I, POLAR BOY,
ACCUSE THESE SUPER-
HEROES OF PLOTTING
TO CONQUER THE EARTH!
I VOTE WE BATTLE THEM
TO A SHOWDOWN!



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